(e) the reaction of RBI to such requests?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is constantly monitoring the financial position of Urban Co-operative Banks in Andhra Pradesh through a system of off site and on site inspection. The data furnished by the banks in monthly returns are closely scrutinised and in case of any adverse features such as sudden drop in deposits, increase in loan portfolio, variance in credit-deposit ratio, deterioration in liquidity position, etc. are noticed, the matter is immediately taken up with the bank concerned. As per the findings in the statutory inspection reports, banks are classified into four grades depending upon their financial condition. The inspection findings and information regarding supervisory action taken by RBI are shared with other regulators *viz.* Registrar of Co-operative Society/Government of Andhra Pradesh. In the case of mismanagement of banks, requisition is issued to the Registrar of Co-operative Society for supersession of Board of Directors. In extreme cases, cancellation of licence/liquidation of bank is resorted to. The Regional Office of RBI has been instructed to keep a close watch on the functioning of such banks and take immediate corrective action.

(c) to (e) Vasavi Urban Co-operative Bank and Prudential Urban Co-operative Bank, Hyderabad had approached RBI for liquidity support, which could not be provided as there is no provision in the RBI Act, 1934 for granting soft loan to Banks. These Banks have also requested RBI to merge them with some other banks. No Co-operative Bank has submitted a proposal or shown its willingness to merge itself with the above banks. Merger with Commercial Banks was not feasible due to differences in their regulatory regimes. A few Urban Co-operative Banks had approached RBI for relaxation in its directives but it was not considered desirable as their financial position did not show the desired improvement despite RBI directives.

Appointment of Sixth Pay Commission

*419. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government would consider appointing the 6th Pay Commission for revising the pay and allowances of Central Government employees; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) Does not arise.

Unauthorised Petrol Pumps in Delhi

†*420. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards unauthorized petrol pumps operating in Delhi;

(b) if so, the number of such petrol pumps detected, so far; and

(c) the action being taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) Instances of eight alleged unauthorized (benami) operations of petrol pumps dealerships, and one such dealership allegedly set up without obtaining change in land use have come to notice in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi. While the Central Bureau of Investigation is investigating the case of wrong land use and one of the eight cases of benami operation, Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC) is investigating the remaining seven cases. All these petrol pumps belong to the IOC. Action in these cases will depend on the inquiry reports.

In addition, there is one petrol pump dealership of IOC in the NCT of Delhi where the multiple dealership norm has been violated. This case is subjudice.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

New International airport at Ahmedabad

2089. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for setting up of a new international airport at Ahmedabad is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.